Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 08 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 09 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 08 Apr 2023 at 00:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly fine weather this weekend. High for changeable weather early next week with summit snow at times.

Headline for Saturday 08 Apr 2023: Dry and bright. Cold in strong summit winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 08 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

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Weather: Overnight low cloud across Easter Ross and Caithness gradually dispersing through the morning, although some patches lingering into the afternoon. Otherwise a dry day with plenty of sunshine but some high cloud around at times.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly excellent with great air clarity and little in the way of cloud on the summits. Poor in low cloud down to 200 to 500 metres in the northeast this morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/26 SE	20/25 SE	17/23 S	19/25 S	22/28 S	29/35 SE	32/38 SE
900	19/23 SE	19/24 SE	17/22 S	19/25 S	21/27 S	26/32 SE	27/34 SE
600	14/18 SE	15/20 SE	14/19 S	15/21 S	16/22 S	18/24 SE	17/24 SE
300	4/13 E	6/15 E	8/19 S	8/20 S	5/19 S	3/19 SE	3/18 SE
Glen	9/14 E	10/17 E	10/18 S	10/19 S	7/17 S	8/19 SE	9/21 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-6	1/-6	4/-1	5/-0	4/-1	3/-4	2/-5
900	1/-5	2/-4	5/-0	6/1	5/0	4/-3	3/-3
600	3/-1	5/0	7/4	8/5	8/4	6/2	5/1
300	3/1	7/5	11/9	12/10	10/9	8/7	7/6
Glen	6/4	10/8	13/11	14/12	13/11	11/9	10/8
Freezing Level*	900m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1300m	1200m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Risk sunburn in exposure, despite wind chill at height.

Forecast for Sunday 09 Apr 2023
Weather: Dry for most of the day although a fair amount of high cloud around. Rain will reach the Cuillins by early evening, then extend northeast across the mainland thereafter. Becoming windy. Severe wind chill at height.

Maximum wind: South to southeast strong increasing gale, perhaps severe gale, from the afternoon with mean 35-40 mph and gusts 60 mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80-90%, becoming 40% towards midnight.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility with little in the way of cloud on the summits. Areas of cloud down to 600 to 900 metres developing in rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius increasing 15 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 2-3 Celsius
Freezing level: 1100-1200m

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